

SANGRE DE CRISTO



1956-'57



Westcliffe High
Westcliffe, Colorado
SANGRE DE CRISTO

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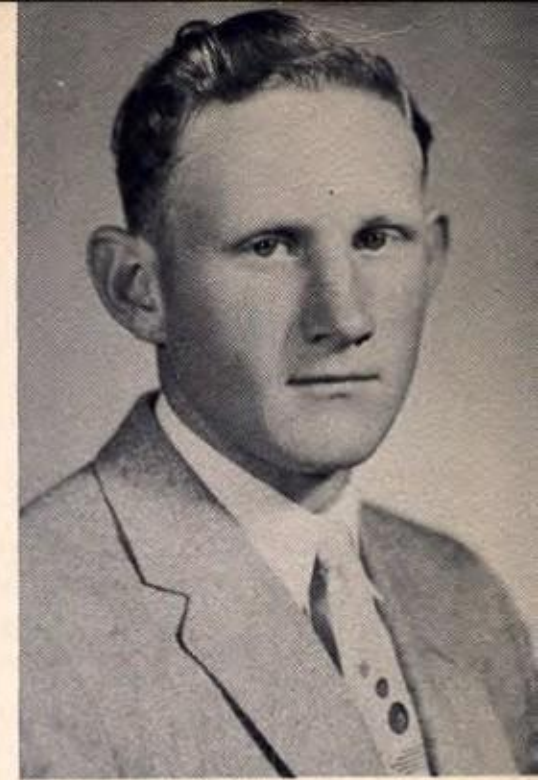
SHE IS:
Patricia Erps, secretary of the senior class, 5' 9 1/2", energetic, a cute kid, popular.
SHE HAS:
Blue eyes, red hair, Otto's ring, one brother, one sister, fun.

SHE LIKES: Otto, everybody, pizza pie, blue, to dance, music, sports.
SHE DISLIKES: Showoffs, meat, unmannerly people.
HER AMBITION: Get married.

Patricia Erps and Bill Pospahala were chosen most Senior favorites.

HE IS: Bill Pospahala, treasurer of the senior class, 5' 3", an "A" student, football co-captain, popular.
HE HAS: brown eyes, brown hair, three brothers, five sisters.
HE LIKES: buddies, blondes, green, ice cream, to mess, sports.
HE DISLIKES: show-offs, "one beer Bennies".
HIS AMBITION: see the world in all its wonders.





ALFRED EARL NELSON

Class President; Nickname - "Butch"; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 2, 3, 4; Track, 2, 3, 4; President Student Council, 3, 4; Student Council, 1, 3, 4; Honor Roll, 1, 2, 3; Class President, 3, 4.

PATRICIA ANN ERPS

Class Secretary; Nickname - "Pat"; Pep Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader, 4; Homecoming Queen, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council, 1, 2; Girls' Quartet, 2, 3, 4; Accompanist Glee Club, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff, 4; President Pep Club, 2; President of Class, 1; Secretary of Class, 4; Popular Girl, 4; Majorette, 3; Honor Roll, 1, 2.

WAYNE HARRY HANSSEN

Class Vice-President; Nickname - "Hanssen"; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Manager Football, 4; Track, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Student Council, 1, 4; President Student Council, 1; Band, 1, 2, 3.

WILLIAM GEORGE POSPAHALA

Class Treasurer; Nickname - "Bill"; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 2, 3, 4; Track, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll, 1, 2, 3; Glee Club, 1, 3; Accordion Band, 1; Profile Contest, 1; Popular Boy, 4; Class Treasurer, 3, 4.

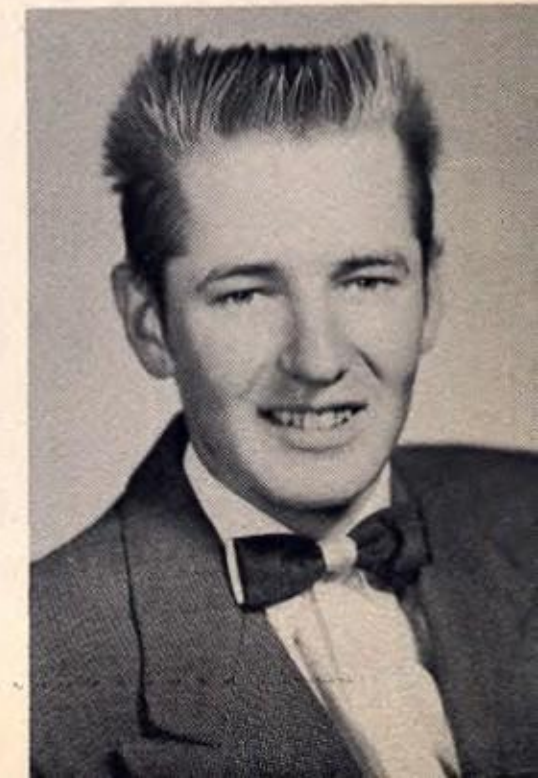
PATRICIA ANN KOCH

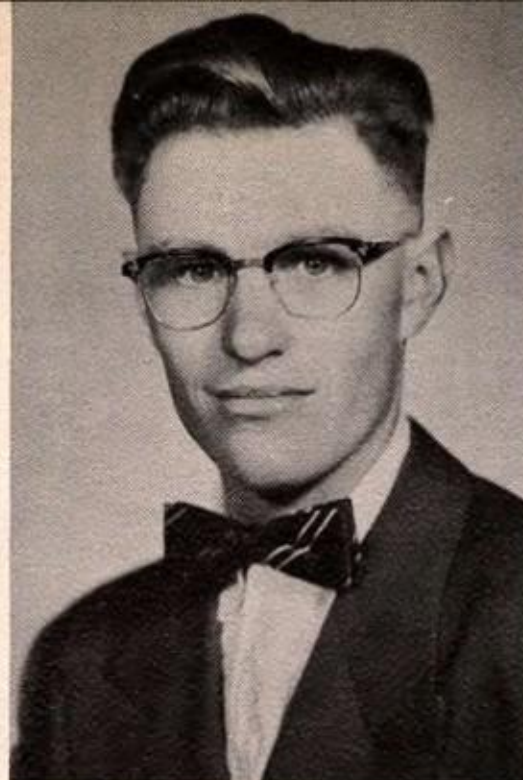
Nickname - "Patsy"; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Pep Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Quartet, 2, 3; Band, 1, 2, 3; Homecoming Queen, 4; Cheerleader, 4; Secretary-Treasurer Pep Club, 3; Student Council, 1.

FREDERICK OTTO SCHLEMEYER

Nickname - "Sledgehammer"; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Football, 2, 3, 4; Track, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 3, 4; Band, 1, 2; Class Treasurer, 2; Class Secretary, 3.

MR. CHARLES PETERS Class Sponsor





ROSE MAY JONES

Nickname - "Rosy"; Glee Club, 1; Pep Club, 1,2,3,4.

CHRISTY WILLIAM BENSON

Nickname - "Toad"; Basketball, 3,4; Class President, 2; Student Council, 1,2; Band, 1,2; Glee Club, 2.

EVELYN JOYCE STANTON

Nickname - "E. J."; Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Pep Club, 1,2,3,4; Profile Contest, 1; Girls' Quartet, 2,3,4; Class Vice-President, 1.

WALTER EDWARD WELCH

Nickname - "Q Ball"; Basketball, 1,2,3,4; Football, 1,2,3,4; Track, 1,2,3,4; Baseball, 1; Wrestling, 1,3; President of Class, 1.

RUBY ELAINE BLEI

Nickname - "Giggles"; Glee Club, 1,2,3; Pep Club, 1,2,3,4; Girls' Quartet, 2,3,4; Annual Staff, 4.

MICHEAL ROLAND COLGATE

Nickname - "Mike"; Vice-President Class, 2,3; Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Band, 1,2; Student Council, 3; Honor Roll, 1,2,3.

MARY ELLEN BLEI

Nickname - "Bushrod"; Glee Club, 1; Pep Club, 1,2,3,4; Honor Roll, 1,2,3.





FRED ALBERT BERRY

Nickname - "Banjo"; Glee Club, 1.

MAUREEN ESTHER MEADORS

Nickname - "Moe"; Pep Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Majorette, 3, 4; Class Treasurer, 1.

MARION NED MARRS

Nickname - "Ned"; Basketball, 1, 2, 3; Glee Club, 1, 2.

CALVIN HORNER

Nickname - "Horny"; Football, 8, 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball, 1, 2, 3; Basketball Manager, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Glee Club, 8, 1, 2, 3, 4.

NORMAN LELAND RANKIN

Nickname - "Norm"; Basketball, 2, 3, 4; Football, 2, 3, 4; Track, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Band, 1, 2, 3.

ELIZABETH LOUISE BAKER

Nickname - "Liz"; Pep Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 3; Majorette, 3, 4; Honor Roll, 1, 2; Annual Staff, 4.

LAWRENCE PENN HOBBY

Nickname - "Larry"; Basketball, 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1.





Patricia



Horny



Fred



Maureen



Rosemay



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n



Liz



Butch

&
N
O
W



Larry



Annual Adviser "goofed" and
lost Walter's baby picture.



Ruby



Evelyn



Mary Ellen



Wayne





UNDERGRADS

SHE IS:

Lynda Luthi, treasurer
of the junior class,
5' 5", popular, cute.

SHE HAS:

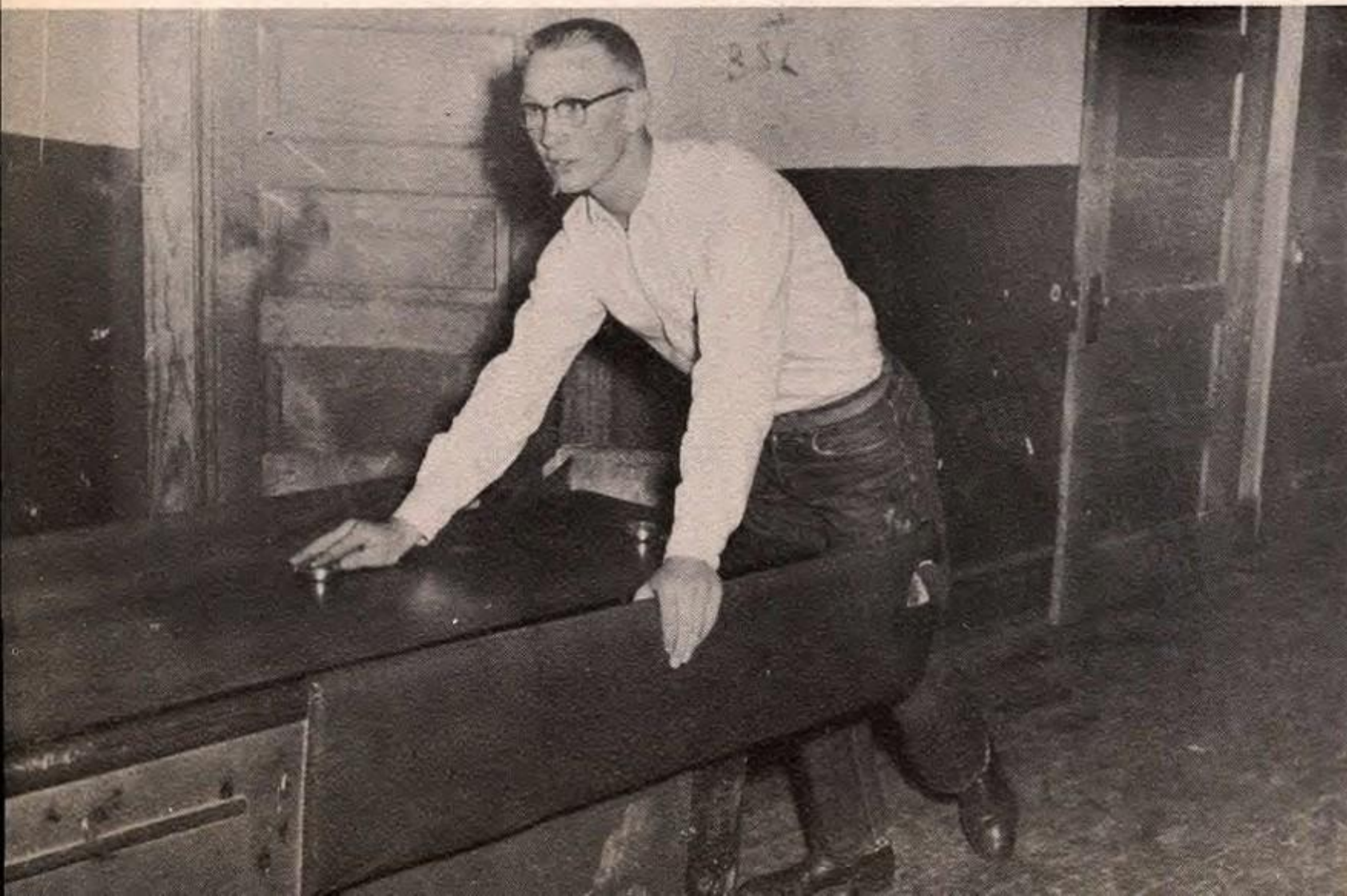
Hazel eyes, brown hair,
three goldfish, a car,
one sister, one horse.

SHE LIKES: ice cream, Pat Boone, blue, cars, most sports. **SHE DISLIKES:** baseball, teachers,
green, spinach. **HER AMBITION:** go to college and go abroad.



HE IS: Dale Erps, 6', popular, always on the go, a good friend, happy. **HE HAS:** blue eyes,
blond hair, two brothers, four sisters, fun, a necktie, blue suede shoes. **HE LIKES:** fried chicken,
ice cream, apple pie, blue, girls.

HE DISLIKES:
teachers, party poopers,
green onions.
HIS AMBITION:
Be a lazy king.





Kenneth Seybold



Lavern Hanssen



Alice Benson



Lynda Luthi



Edna Berry



Peggy Berry

JUNIORS

President: Kenny Seybold
Vice-President: Lavern Hanssen
Secretary: Alice Benson
Treasurer: Lynda Luthi



Alice Dieckman



Sharon Lowney



Mollie Berry



Larry Houle



Vernon Kidder

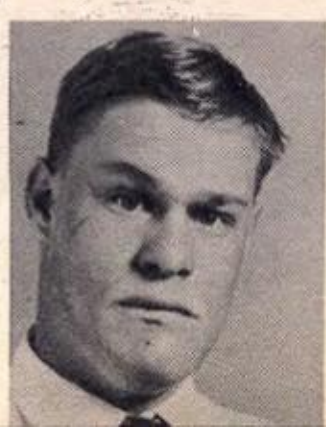


Ralph Squire

Dale Erps

Tom Lewis

Bill Cress



Evelyn Jantzen

JUNIORS

SHE IS:
Yvonne Bouchard, a
sophomore, average,
pretty cute.
SHE HAS:
green eyes, blonde
hair, four brothers,
one sister, fun.
SHE LIKES: popular music, people, green, food, clothes, boys. **SHE DISLIKES:** school, fish, Chicago.
HER AMBITION: go to college.



HE IS: John Pospahala, treasurer of the sophomore class, 5' 2", popular, energetic. **HE HAS:** brown eyes, brown hair, three brothers, five sisters, fun. **HE LIKES:** food, home brew, putrid pink, movies, sports.

HE DISLIKES: Pete.
HIS AMBITION: to get
in some racket to pick
up an easy buck.





John Pospahala DeLace Schwarz James Kidder Dorothy Niles Charlotte Benson



Frank Riggs
Beverly Koch

SOPHOMORES
President, Dorothy Niles
Vice-President, Jim Kidder
Secretary, DeLace Schwarz
Treasurer, John Pospahala

Arlene Hanssen Jean Youngs Jerry Degree Lauren Morgan Alfreda Weis



Sophomores

Dail Meadors

Nancy Littrell



Rhoda Squire Beula Caughman Helen Patterson Yvonne Bouchard Donald Cress.



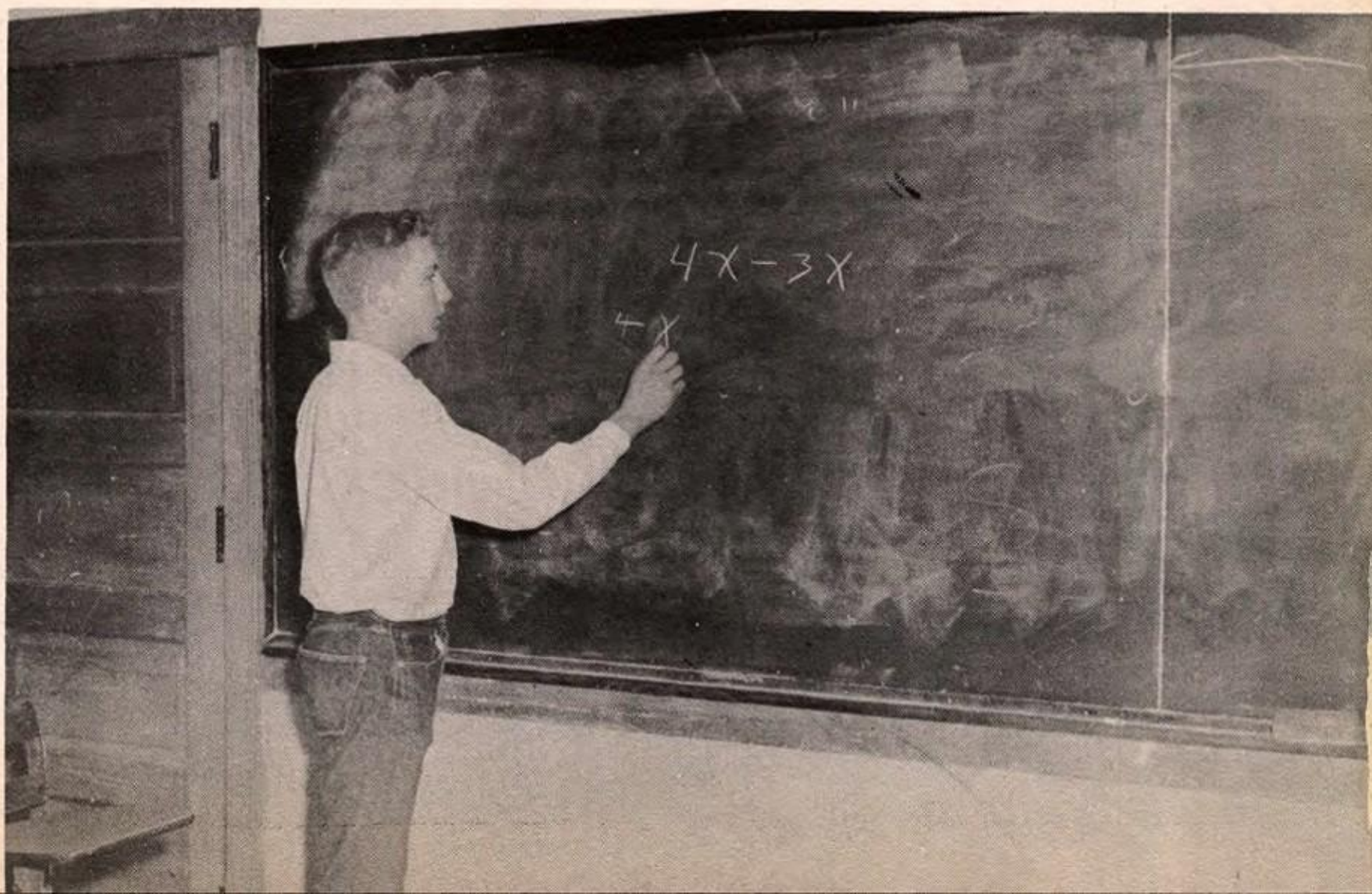


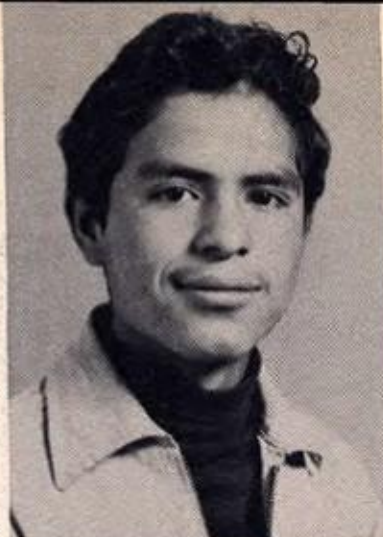
SHE IS:
Shirley Entz, 5' 5",
popular, cute kid, lively.
SHE HAS:
Green eyes, blonde hair,
one dog, twelve skirts,
six sweaters, fun.

SHE LIKES: dancing, to eat and sleep, hamburger, blue, movies. SHE DISLIKES: school, English, as-
paragus, cereal. HER AMBITION: go to college.

HE IS: Ronald Vickerman, a freshman, average student, quiet, good kid, sportsman. HE HAS: blue eyes,
blond hair, one sister, one dog, seven cats, fun.

HE LIKES:
Shotguns, hunting,
fishing, to eat.
HE DISLIKES:
Nothing.
HIS AMBITION:
Be an engineer.





Jeanette Buzzi

John Lee Robbins

Danny Diaz

Peggy Hobby

Carol Vahldick



Kathleen Byrne

Don't push a freshman down the stairs,
Or kick his teeth in unawares,
Or with a hammer bash his bean-----
We want to keep our building clean!



John Piquette

Shirley Entz

Coral Lea Marrs

Ronnie Vickerman

Charlotte Behrendt



Jerry Pluskett



Gene Colgate

FRESHMEN
Nancy Welch, President
(Moved to Gunnison)
Jeanette Buzzi, President
John Lee Robbins, Secretary
Danny Diaz, Treasurer

Freshmen



Jan Norton



Ronna Jean Jantzen



Donald Crow



Joan Blei



Everette Behrendt



Dale Willyard



Marvin Lange



Gloria Tomsick

8th

G r a d e



Georgia Zentz



Thelma Vahldick



Nana Lee Benson



Elaine Charleston



Leland Niles



Eugenia Koch



Sandra Cope



Carol Buzzi



Ronda Squire

Jean Berry

Jim Schwarz





Donnie Sanchez



Sheron Kastendieck



Judy Reis



Velda Green



Bessie Lee Gay



Barbarra Buzzi



Donnie Cress



Ruth Turner



Shirley Weis



Leslie Caughman



Tom Carr



Ricky Ferron



Paul Piquette



Jim Frank



Jerry Bouchard



Larry Schwarz



Claude Barber



Emil Youngs



Alvin Lange



Warren Rankin

7th



Willis N. Zenk

Grade

Grade School Principal



Richard Squire



Shirley Kline



Karen Kelly



Sheila Houle



Calvin Hanning



Lois Lowney



Ray Lewis



Lester Marrs



Gary Wills



Gloria Buzzi



Wanda Wells



Erline Kelly



Richard Lange



Roy Berry



Johnny Berry



Jerry Camper



Milo Cress



LeRoy Dietrich



Bonnie Berry



Bobby Lou Sanchez



Tommy Stewart

6th Grade



Catherine Carr



Sharell Koch



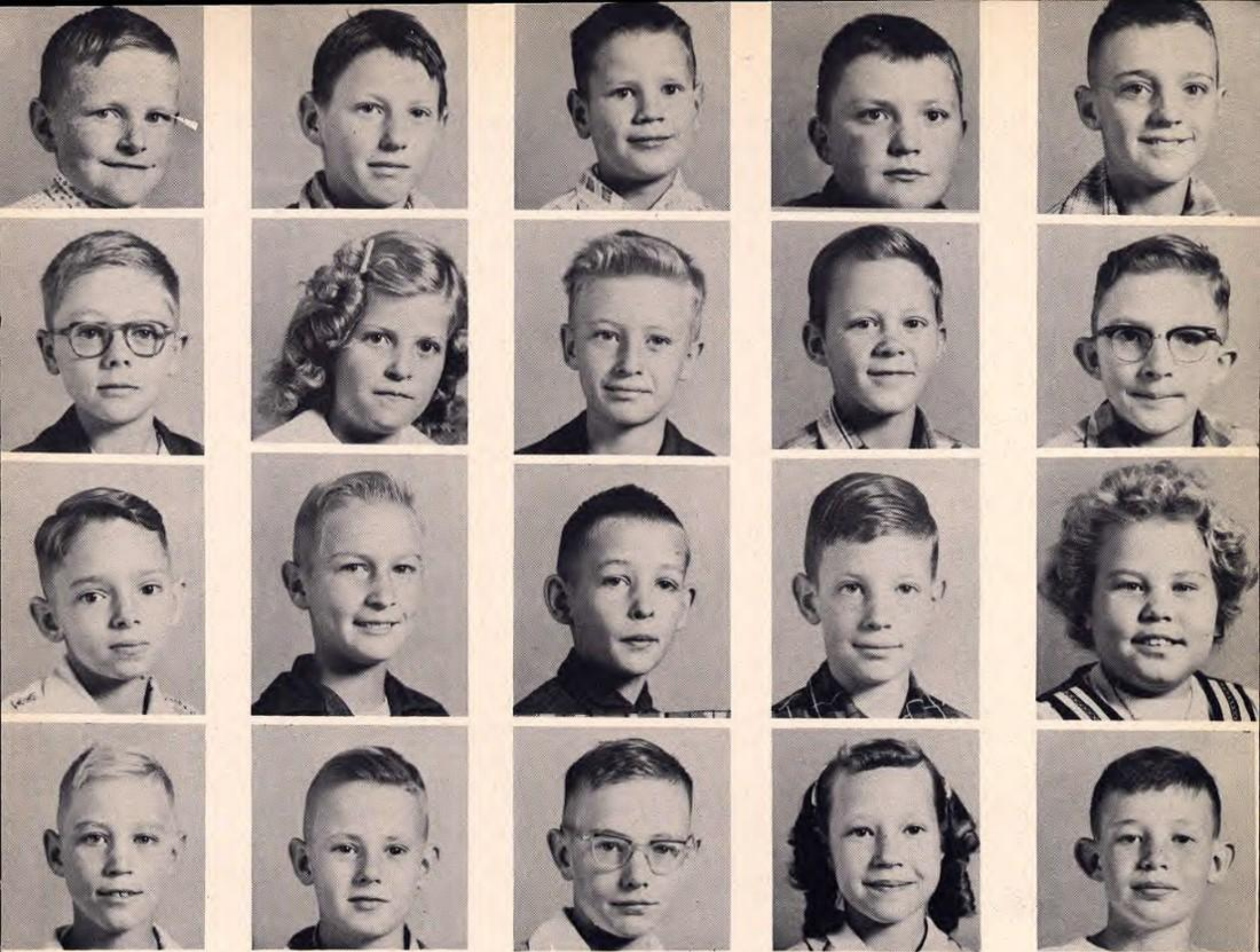
Kent Green



Darlene Hobby



Leona Chockley



FIRST ROW: (Left to right) James Littrell, Clarence Lange, William Schneider, Bobby Jones, Jerry Hall.
 SECOND ROW: Larry Kleine, Lola Chockley, Gary Lee Niles, Daniel Kettle, Jonathan David Bauer.
 THIRD ROW: Ronald Charleston, James Siefert, Vernon Behrendt, James Turner, Diane Ferron.
 FOURTH ROW: Carl Benson, Robert Kattnig, Dennis Crow, Judith Ann Cope, John Rowe.



David Lange

5th Grade



Larry Tarver

Patricia Ulsh



Earl Fansler



Roy Dieckman



Carroll Kastendieck





Mrs. Agnes Hatton
Teacher



Maureen Byrne



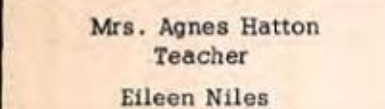
Dominick Salameno



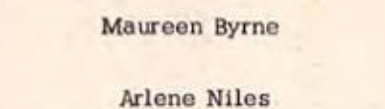
Charlotte Schneider



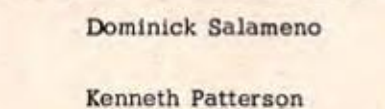
Richard Borges



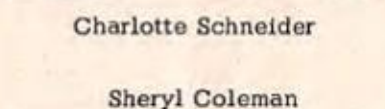
Eileen Niles



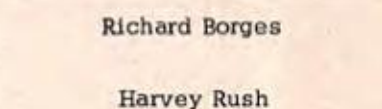
Arlene Niles



Kenneth Patterson



Sheryl Coleman



Harvey Rush



Sylvia Liyan



Richard Chockley



Dorothy Pospahala



Linda Hobby



Sherry Murphey



Betty Berry



Peggy Tarver



Linda Haning



Jerry Pruett



Larry Willyard



Tommy Bouchard



Candace Norton



Johnny Campbell



Gerald Green



**4th
Grade**



Mary Caughman



Jerry Schneider



Floyd Wills



Jean Bouchard



Laurel Littrell



Judy Vahldick



Phyllis Weis



Jack Seifert



Bill Kettle



Jean Kline



Ronnie Squire



Christina Hanssen



Harvey Geroux



Susan McDermott



Janice Niles



John Reis



Mark Green



Garee Peters

3rd

Grade



Betty Wood

Teacher



Hattie MacLoad



Roy Koch



Jerry Seifert



Peggy Lewis



Coleen Byrne



Catherine Christoff



Janet Lowney



Belinda Cook



Donald Blei



David Tomsick



Randy Rush



Freddy Ulsh



Max Wills



James Schneider



Katherine Cress



Jane Benson



Susan Murphey



Jackie Harrington



Myrtle Berry
Deanne Crow



Warren Miller
Laree Peters



Gene Gay



David Crary



Leanne Tibbetts
Ronald Schneider



Jimmie Rowe
Kathryn Patterson



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Douglas Paxton



Carol Coughman



Rita Pospshala



Larry Bailey



Garry Green



Larry Green



Jerry Harrington



Bobby Campbell



Donald Willyard



Gracie Pruett



Tommy Wills



Jane Seifert



Martha Aden



Linda Kleine



Claricy Ann Schulze



Dorothy Barajaz



Mary Ann Kidder



Roger Squire



Cecile Gay



Catherine Lujan



Billy Canda



Mildred Weis



Rockwell Canda

Mylo Wayne Cope



Paulette Schriner



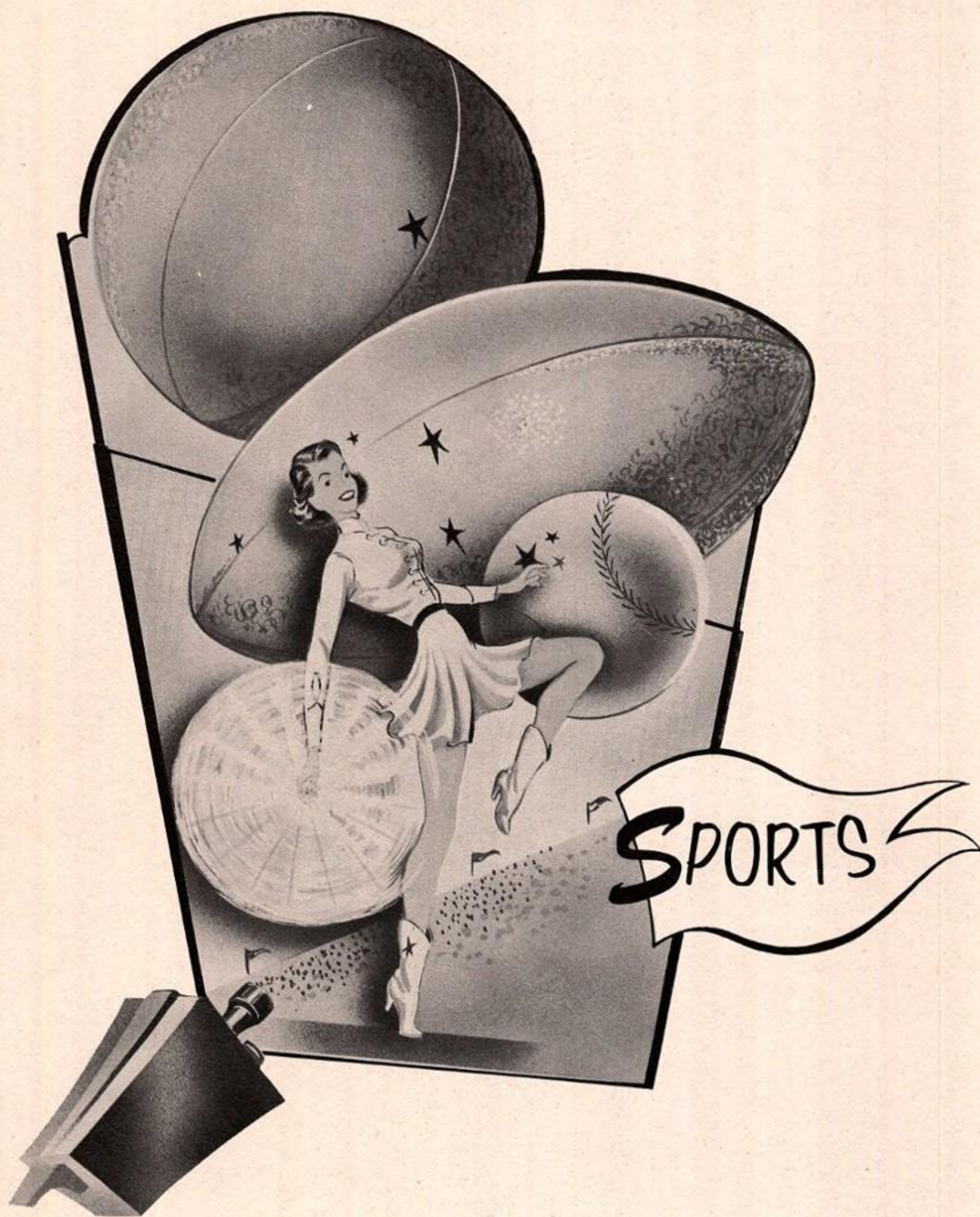
1st

Grade

Mrs. Hibbs



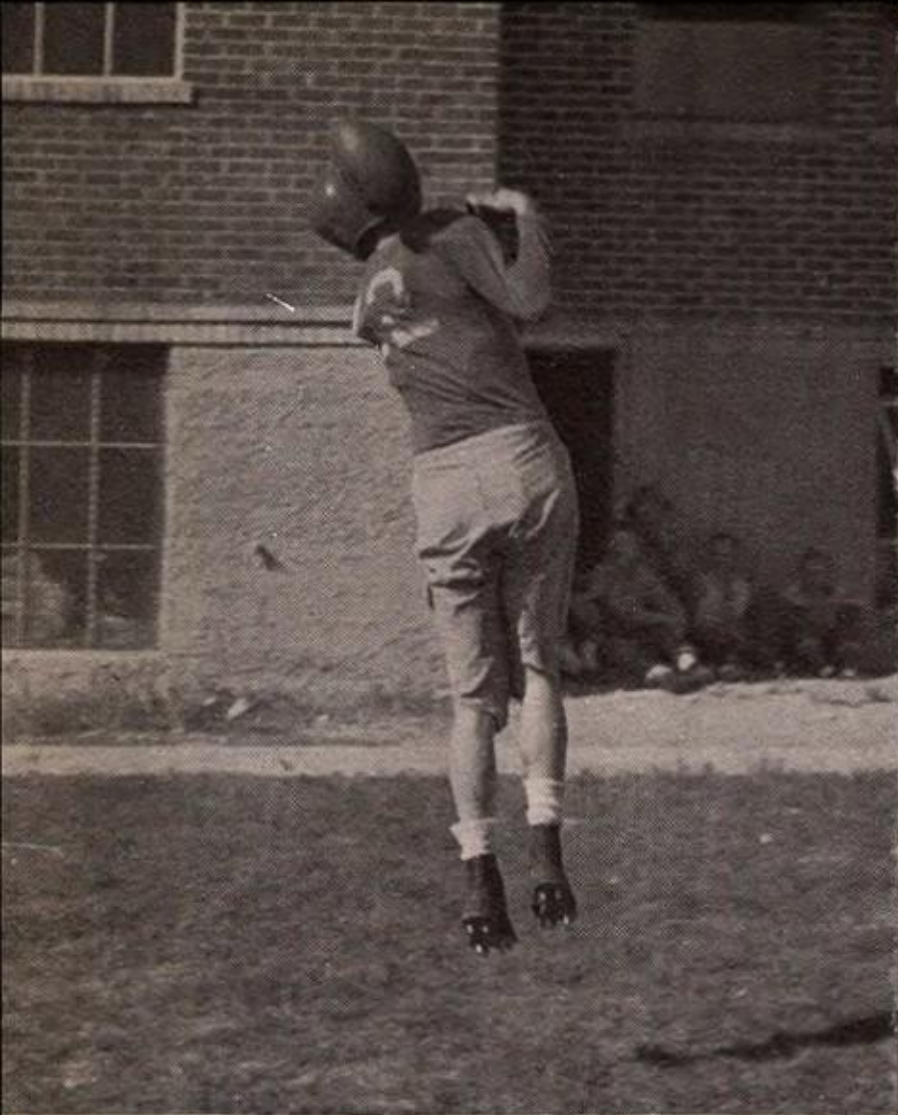
Teacher



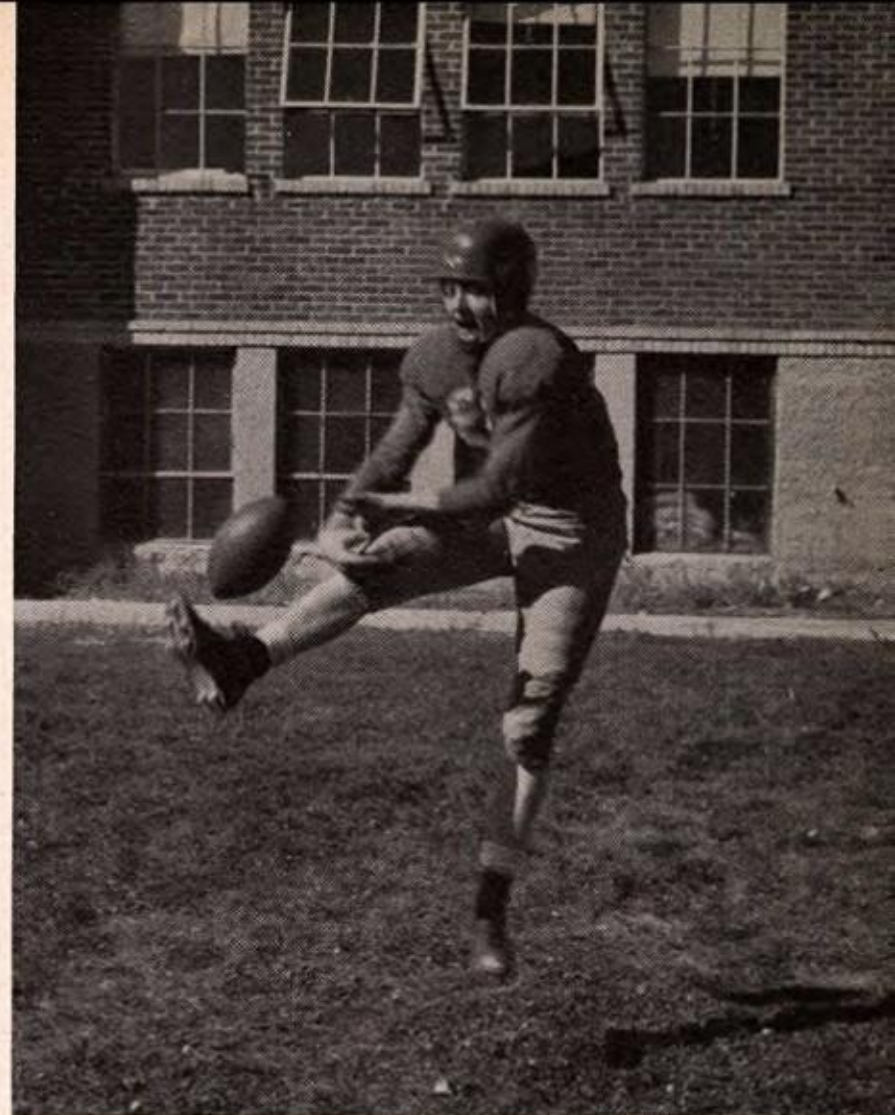


Homecoming Queen

Patricia Ann Koch



OTTO SCHLEMEYER - END
Football 2-3-4



KENNY SEYBOLD - END
Football 2-3

CALVIN HORNER - CENTER
Portales, New Mexico 1-2-3
Westcliffe 4





BILL POS. - HB.
Football 2-3-4

BUTCH NELSON - QB.
Football 2-3-4



WALTER WELCH
Crowley 1-2-3
Westcliffe 4



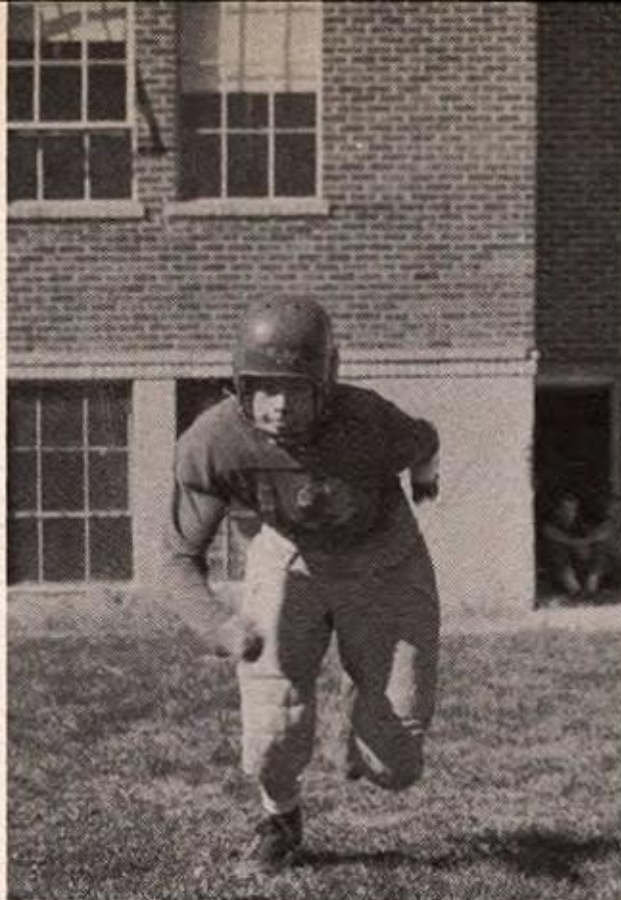
Senior lineup consisting of left to right: Otto, Horny, Bill, Walt, Butch, Norman and Coach Peters.

Westcliffe High School participated in both six and eight man football this season. The eight man team consisted of Otto, Horny, Norman, Bill C., Lavern, Vernon K., Bill P., Walter.





FRANK RIGGS - END
This was Frank's first year.



DON CRESS - END
First Year



BILL CRESS - FULLBACK
Football 2-3
Bill will have a big job next year.



VERNOR KIDDER - HALFBACK
Football 2-3
He also will be called upon next year
for a lot of help.



LAVERN HANSSEN - END
First year out, good showing.

The Big Eight

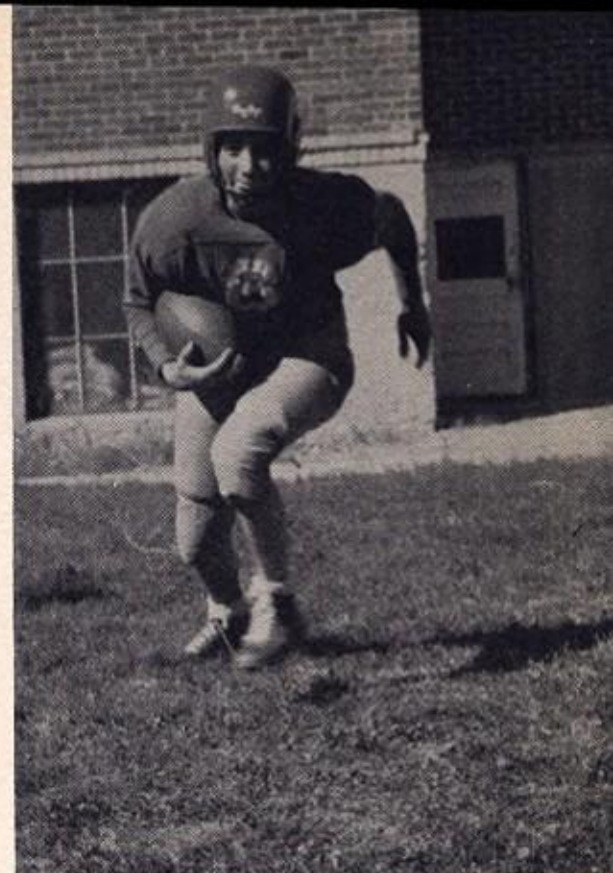




NORMAN RANKIN - CENTER
Football 2-3-4



WAYNE HANSSEN - MANAGER
Wayne has been manager for one year.



JIMMY KIDDER - HALFBACK
Jimmy has been out for two years.

DANNY DIAZ - HALFBACK
Football 1





Homecoming '56

On November 2, 1956, the Homecoming Dance was held in the gym. The homecoming game was to have been held the afternoon of the 2nd, but snow kept Sanford from coming here.

At the dance Sammy Russel's orchestra provided the music for the occasion. At 9:00 p.m., our queen, Patsy Koch, was crowned by co-captains, Butch Nelson and Bill Pospahala.

Attendants for Queen Patsy were Alice Benson, Yvonne Bouchard, and Shirley Entz.

A grand and snowy pep rally was held the night of November 1st.

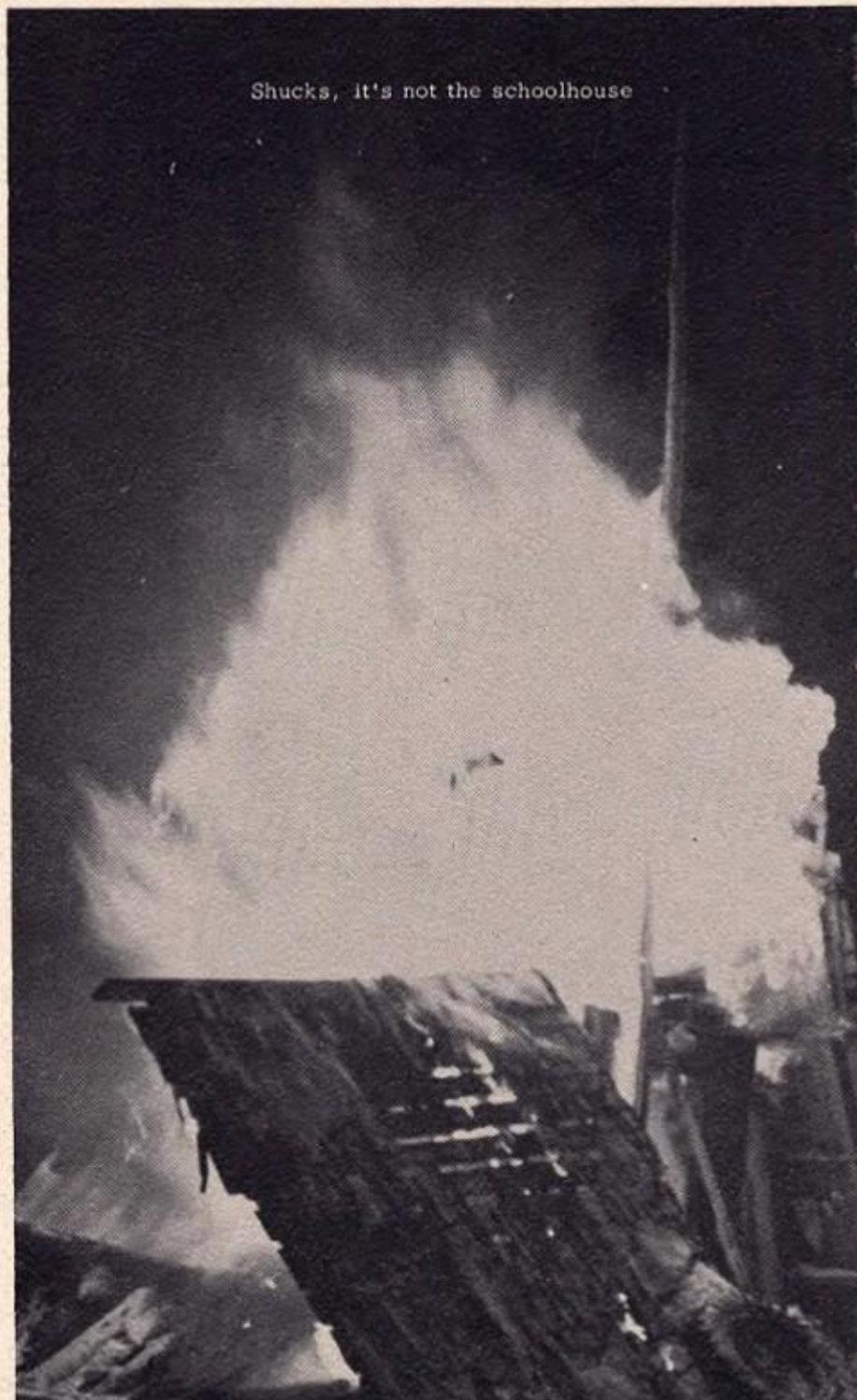




The King Pin



Miss Pin Up



Shucks, it's not the schoolhouse



Dog Face



Always Behind the Eight Ball

Baby it's cold outside!



Fire!





Stampede!

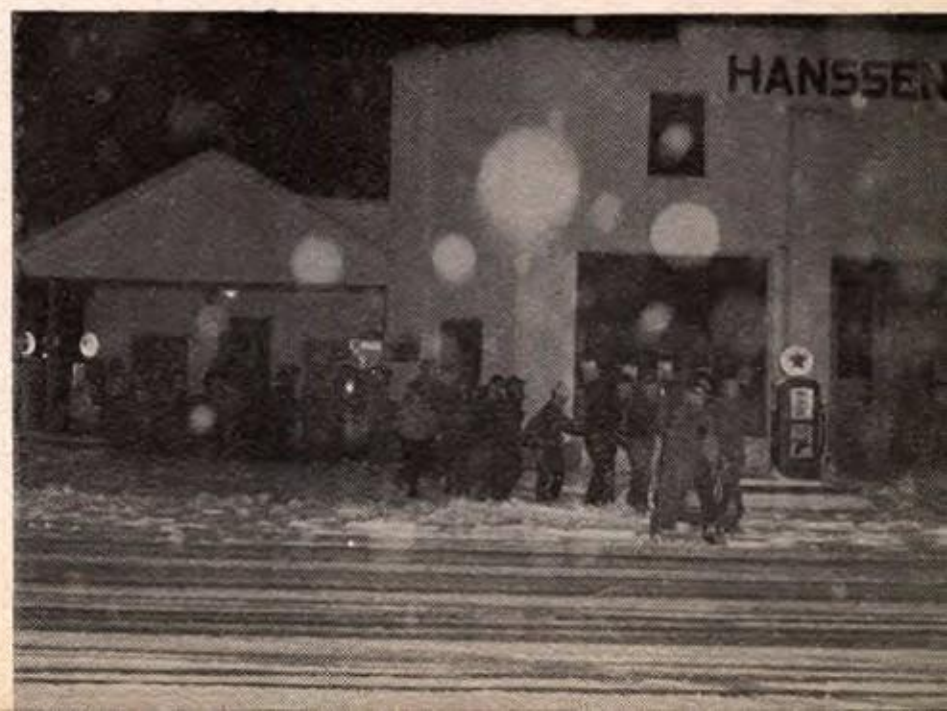
Put another log on the fire.

To blazes with it



I'll get my feet wet

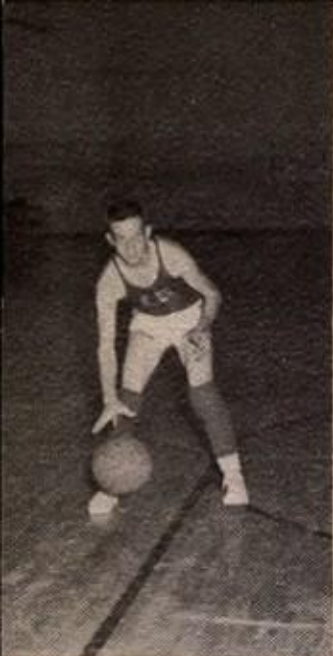
Marchin' through Westcliffe



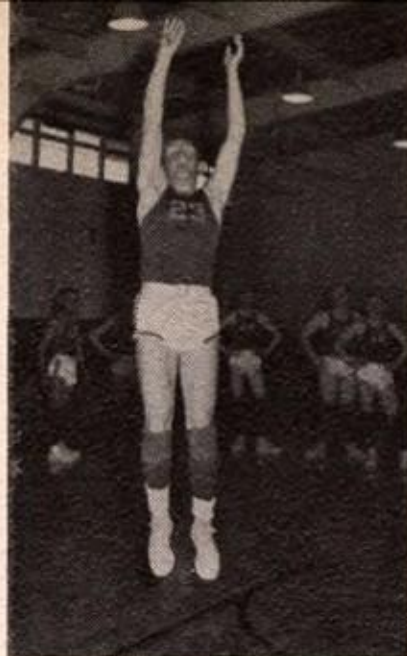


Basketball Queen

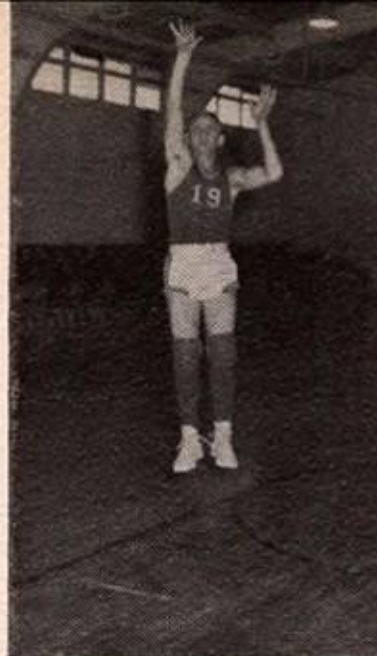
Yvonne Bouchard



EARL NELSON
Guard



WAYNE HANSSEN
Forward



WALTER WELCH
Utility Man



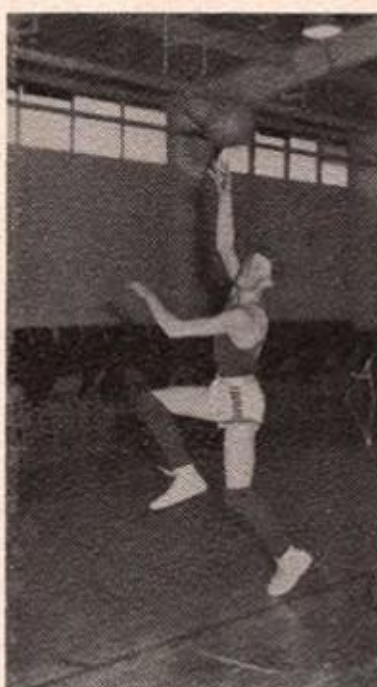
BILL POSPAHALA
Guard



OTTO SCHLEMEYER
Center



LARRY HOBBY
Forward



CHRISTY BENSON
Forward



NORMAN RANKIN
Center



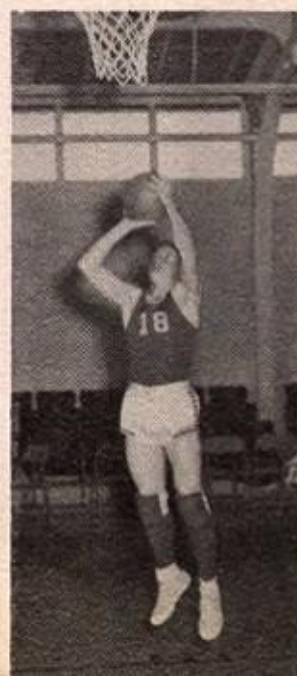
VERNON KIDDER
Guard



LAVERN HANSSEN
Forward



JOHN ROBBINS
Forward



KENNETH SEYBOLD
Center





"HORNY" HORNER
BB Manager

B Squad

FRONT ROW: Ronnie Vickerman, Don Cress, Larry Houle, John Pospahala, Dan Diaz, Jim Kidder, John Piquette.
SECOND ROW: Gene Colegate, Lauren Morgan, Jerry Degree, Frank Riggs, Dail Meadors, and Delace Schwarz.



Patricia Erps, Lynda Luthi
and Patricia Koch.

Cheerleaders 1956-57

Regular hepcats these
three cheerful cheer-
leaders!



THE PEP CLUB

We're not always this sober, just camera shy!





Coach Peters introduced track to W.H.S. four years ago. It is a popular sport come spring. Last year pole vaulting, shot put, high jump, broad jump, dashes, and all distance races, were among the events in which we participated.

TRACK MEETS THIS YEAR WILL BE:

Alamosa Relays

Salida Invitational

Hooper Southern Peaks

District meet at Alamosa





Jr. Hi. Cheerleaders

Sherill Koch, Carol Buzzi, Thelma Vahldick, and Ruth Turner.

PANTHER COACH: Superintendent O. J. Norton

PANTHER LINE UP: Donny Crow, Guard; Roy Tarver, Guard; Jan Norton, Guard; Danny Cress, Guard; Charles Piquette, Guard; Thomas Carr, Center; Dale Willyard, Center; Donny Sanchez, Center; Paul Piquette, Forward; Jim Schwarz, Forward; Milo Cress, Forward; Larry Schwarz, Forward; Johnny Berry, Forward; and Leland Niles, Forward.





*A*CTIVITIES



BOTTOM ROW: Earl (Butch) Nelson, President; Kenneth Seybold
 TOP ROW: Wayne Hanssen, Vice-President; Laverne Hanssen, Secretary-Treasurer; Jim Kidder; John Lee Robbins; Jeanette Buzzi; Dorothy Niles.

Evelyn Joyce Stanton has been a soprano soloist with the Westcliffe High glee clubs all four years of high school.

"Horny" Horner is a tenor soloist. Horny soloed with the Portales, New Mexico, A Capella choir. This year he did the tenor honors for Westcliffe High.

MR. ROY KIDDER
 Custodian



Miss Madden gives them the word.





MISS BONNYE MADDEN - MUSIC INSTRUCTOR
MISS PATRICIA ERPS - ACCOMPANIST

FRONT ROW: Left to right: Arlene Hanssen, Alfreda Weis, Dorothy Niles, Nancy Littrell, John Piquette, Dan Diaz, Vernon Kidder, Calvin Horner, Wayne Hanssen, Larry Houle, Peggy Hobby, Kathleen Byrne, and Jeanete Buzzi.
BACK ROW: Left to right: Carol Vahldick, Shirley Entz, Evelyn Stanton, Linda Luthi, Jerry Pluskett, Gene Colgate, John Robbins, Ronald Vickerman, Mike Colgate, Otto Schlemeyer, William Cress, Lavern Hanssen, Walter Welch, Dail Meadors, Sharon Lowney, Peggy Berry and Coral Marrs.

Under the capable direction of Miss Bonnye Madden the mixed chorus presented a fall concert, a Christmas show, attended the music contest in Pueblo, and held a spring concert.

A scene from the fall concert depicting spring. Mrs. Mary Kattnig accompanied the group for this concert.



This scene from the fall concert represented summer. Evelyn Stanton, soprano and Calvin Horner, tenor, were solists for the mixed chorus.





WINTER SCENE



Band

BANNER GIRLS: Yvonne Bouchard, Shirley Entz,
DRUM MAJOR: DeLace Schwarz.

1ST ROW: Left to right: Evelyn Berry, Rickie Farron, Donald Crow, Peggy Berry.
2ND ROW: Mollie Berry, Dan Cress, Charles Piquette, Arlene Hanssen.
3RD ROW: Dale Willyard, Ronna Jantzen, Thelma Vahldick, Carol Vahldick.
4TH ROW: Sharon Lowney, Johnny Berry, Alvin Lang, Garry Niles.
5TH ROW: Emil Youngs, Beverly Koch, Roy Tarver, Mile Cress.



SUMMER SCENE

Our band and chorus director, Miss Bonnye Madden. Once up the creek without a paddle, she is now traveling with the current.





ELIZABETH BAKER
Majorette

BEULA CAUGHMAN
Majorette

W H S



DOROTHY NILES
Majorette



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Just one big happy family



Wierd looking creature.

The Junior play "Coddled Egbert" was presented in November 1956. Those participating were:
 Alice Benson, Edna Berry, Lavern Hanssen, Vernon Kidder, Jim Lewis, Lynda Luthi, Peggy Berry,
 Mollie Berry, Alice Dieckman, Ralph Squires, Bill Cress, Sharon Lowney, and Dale Erps.

SMACK!



It's like this.....



Looks kinda dead to me





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Mom Cooked We Ate





Annually the Parent-Teachers Association sponsors the carnival on Halloween night. Mylo Cope, president of the P.T.A., was chief instigator this year. Proceeds realized from this endeavor are traditionally spent to help out the grade and high school on alternate years.

Mrs. Lois Ferron (strong worker in the P.T.A.) conducts a game of chance carnival night.

Around and around we go!



Mr. James Christoff, loyal P.T.A. carnival worker, is chief BINGO man.





With Helen helping the poor fishermen--who can tell---
 Evelyn, Patsy, and Patricia perform for the carnival
 Two bits!



Achievement Night Spring '56

Those who are members of the line up here have at least hitched their wagons to the ropes leading to the stars as they receive letter awards for accomplishments in athletics, scholarship, or music.

Bill Cress (junior) was chosen "all around student" from the entire school.







Oh cruel world!



It's a great life.....

Class of '61



You tell him, boss



Back to the salt mines



Have mercy.....

Initiation-1956

I say there old chap.....



Now ain't this life?



Striving for perfection





What size?



Please, be merciful



Tied and branded



Ain't it?

Fool's prayer.

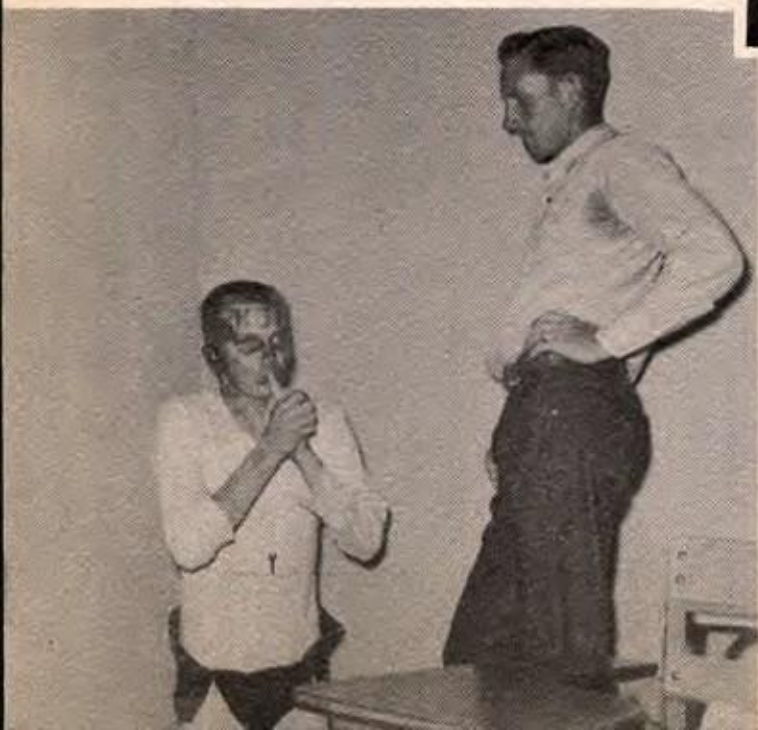


Now as I was saying.....



It's about time Pete got his car shined

First time it's been clean



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Won't you please
bake me a pie?



Who said there warn't
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